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Filed: May 9, 2001 )  
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METHOD OF PACKAGING SOLVENT  
OR WATER BASED FORMULATIONS  
TO REDUCE SKINNING

Examiner: Patricia Nordmeyer

Group Art Unit: 5569

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Dear Sir:

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed from the Patent Office on March 20, 2003 (the "Office Action"), Applicants make the following amendments and submit the remarks appearing after the amendments. Applicants request a three-month extension of time, and submit herewith a check in the amount of \$930. In addition, this is a conditional authorization to charge any missing fees to Deposit Account No. 23-2126.

Applicants note that an information disclosure statement ("IDS"), form PTO-1449, was filed with the Patent Office on May 9, 2001. Applicants further note that a dated and signed copy of this IDS, confirming that the references disclosed therein were considered by the Patent Office, has not been returned to Applicants. Applicants therefore respectfully request that Examiner Nordmeyer, at her earliest convenience, return a dated and signed copy of the IDS to Applicants.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed the following documents pertaining to the above-referenced application:

1. Response to Office Action (14 pages);
2. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a) (in duplicate);
3. Check for \$930.00 (3 mo. extension fee);
4. Return Receipt Postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account 232126. In the event of non-payment or improper payment of a required fee, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge or credit Deposit Account No. 232126 as required to correct the error. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed for fee purposes.

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